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House Resolution

A resolution designating April 2001 "Florida
Organ Donation Awareness Month."

WHEREAS, organ transplants have saved the lives of many
Floridians, and

WHEREAS, between 1990 and 1999, the number of Americans
waiting for organ transplants increased from over 21,000 to
over 72,000, and

WHEREAS, approximately 15,000 people received organ
transplants in 1990, compared to the just-over 21,000 organ
transplants performed in 1999, and

WHEREAS, while the increase in the number of
transplants is encouraging, the waiting list continues to grow
disproportionately, and

WHEREAS, organ donation is a gift of life and
symbolizes the American spirit, and the promotion of organ
donation may help save thousands of lives, and

WHEREAS, the week of April 15 through 21 has been
designated "National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week,"
NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
Florida:

That the House of Representatives pauses in its
deliberations to honor the memory of the many Floridians who
have died waiting for organ transplants and to thank those who
have given this wonderful gift of life in the hope of saving
others.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that April 2001 is designated
2 "Florida Organ Donation Awareness Month."
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